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NCC and the Navajos

To the Editor:

I am deeply concerned for the thousands of Indians in America who are without Christ.

I am a member of a denomination which is a constituent member of the National Council of Churches. I am also closely affiliated with a number of truly evangelical missionaries who are working among the Navajos.

Now comes the announcement of the policy of the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the NCC to eliminate all paid religious radio programs. This limitation would, if carried out in this area, not only destroy some very fine missions financed almost entirely by radio appeals, but on a local level would deprive hundreds (I believe I could say thousands) of Navajos of religious programs broadcast in their own language. The NCC folk have nothing whatever to offer this group which makes it seem criminally shortsighted to hinder those who are very effectively meeting a real need.

Rather frequently Navajos who live in Albuquerque joyously tell us that they heard some little station—Gallup, Flagstaff, or Cortez, broadcasting God's Word in their own language, and they often know the individuals on this type program, which tends to strengthen and perpetuate the Navajo Christian fellowship.

It seems a shameful thing that we who bear the name of Christ must dissipate so much of our strength and money working against each other instead of for Him, but that is the pattern of our times in a society which elects and pays one group of people to operate the government and then employs two other groups to protect us from the same government. Is that "confusion of face?"

MARGARET CAMP

Albuquerque, N. M.

Freedom in Maryland

To the Editor:

I get "fed up" with the oft-repeated Romanist canard that the passage of the Maryland Act of Toleration by "the Catholic colony of Maryland" marked the beginning of religious liberty in America. Records examined in the State Capitol at Annapolis by competent historians indicate not only that the Royal Charter of the colony required the recognition of Protestantism, but that Maryland was, during its first years, composed of predominantly Protestant settlers. At the time of the passage of the Act, it had a Protestant governor, and its legislature of twenty-four members was made up of sixteen Protestants and eight Roman Catholics. Under these circumstances, and in the knowledge that Oliver Cromwell was supreme in both England and the colonies, toleration was both a political and economic necessity.

The Roman Church can claim little or no credit for the Act of Toleration. The hierarchy's position and practice over the centuries have been to deny religious liberty to all creeds except her own whenever and wherever it has had the power to do so. It would hardly have done otherwise in 1649 had it been in a position of strength.

Pass this on to your readers to "stir up their pure minds by way of remembrance."

JOSEPH SPEAR

Los Angeles, Calif.

See "Eye to Eye"

To the Editor:

I am greatly enjoying Dr. Murch's new book, *Cooperation without Compromise*. He and I see "eye to eye" regarding many of the activities and objectives of the liberalistic and modernistic leaders of the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

L. E. FAULKNER

Hattiesburg, Miss.

Stewardship Advanced

To the Editor:

Action magazine has been the making of our Stewardship Commission this year. The article which you carried on the subject of "Stewardship" brought a stack of mail from all parts of the nation and even from many foreign countries. We have been able to send out large quantities of stewardship material and enlist the cooperation of evangelicals in a large way. I want to thank you.

DON R. FALKENBERG

Columbus, Ohio.

Let's Do Something!

To the Editor:

That article, "Printed Filth a Challenge to the Church," by Robert James St. Clair (*Action*, January 15) stirred my interest in doing something about this situation in my own town.

It would seem to me that the merchant under pressure from the news and book agencies would welcome the leverage of an ordinance prohibiting the sale of salacious magazines, if he were of a mind to use it.

Do you have any information available on how such an ordinance should be drawn or how evangelicals in other cities have dealt with this problem?

HERB KNIGHT

Kingsburg, Calif.

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—A group of Christian laymen in Grand Rapids, Michigan have dealt with this problem successfully. I suggest that you write Mr. John W. Van Zwoll, 52 Grove Street, N.E., Grand Rapids 5, Mich., for information about the work of the Committee of Seven.]

FRONT PAGE PHOTO—Buffalo's Civic Square. At right center is Hotel Statler where the sessions of NAE's Fifteenth Annual Convention will be held April 2-4.

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4. **We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.**
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6. **We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.**
7. **We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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How Roman Catholic pressures silenced a Protestant testimony

BROADCASTING FREEDOM AND WGN-TV CHICAGO

GLENWOOD BLACKMORE

STATION WGN-TV, the *Chicago Tribune* television outlet, is caught in a boiling religious freedom dispute as a result of cancelling a late showing of the movie, "The Life of Martin Luther."

The movie was originally slated to be shown Friday night at 10 p.m. December 21. But on Tuesday, Ward Quaal, vice president and general manager of WGN Inc., announced the movie was cancelled because "it became apparent that there was an emotional reaction to the plan. In view thereof, the station has elected to cancel the showing, not wanting to be a party to the development of any misunderstanding or ill will among persons of the Christian faith in the Chicagoland area."

Protestants, with unprecedented solidarity, were aroused; they countered almost immediately with the charge of "censorship" as the result of pressures which they were convinced, on the basis of discussions with the station, "have been mobilized by the Roman Catholic Church to secure the banning of this film."

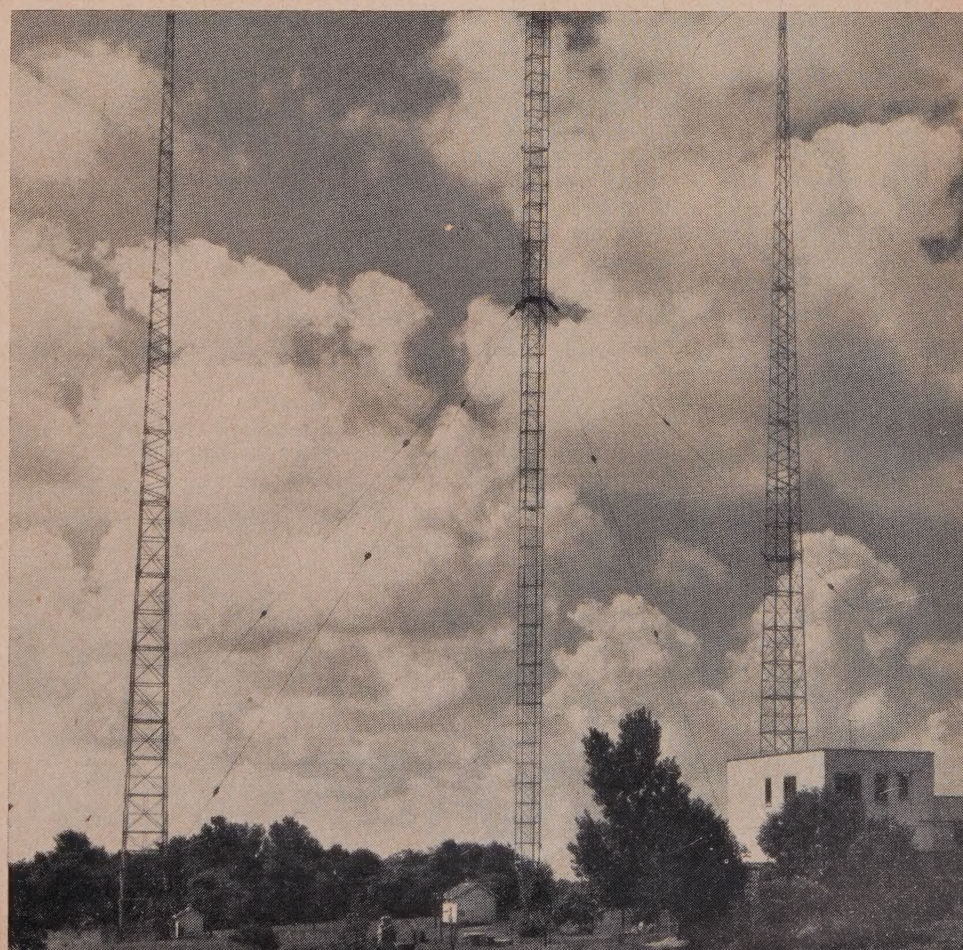
The issue isn't settled yet and likely won't be soon because the station seems adamant in refusing to reconsider rescheduling.

WGN-TV had inherited an excellent tradition of independent broadcasting from its forerunner, WGN radio. Both outlets are owned by the *Chicago Tribune* enterprises. Religious groups have on various occasions expressed their appreciation for the station's public service programming, which is respectable as compared to the national average in this field. They would not challenge the statement of the general manager, Ward L. Quaal, saying, "I am genuinely and properly proud of the great record which we have made in the matter of service to the three major religious faiths and denominations therein."

The station's decision to select *Martin Luther* for sponsorship at one of its prime viewing hours was not made rashly. It deliberated carefully, screening the film on at least two occasions and reviewing the distinctive pattern of its theatrical distribution history. It found one of its regular sponsors eager and willing to show the picture. The film was booked through a license contract on the basis of its merits as a dramatic feature. The possibility of "fireworks" from a certain obvious source was even discussed quite frankly. The sponsors preferred an after-Christmas date because they were eager that all possible publicity for the showing should be channeled through those same church groups in Chicago which had so magnificently supported the thirteen-week run of the Luther film several years before in the Loop theater. Churches have little spare time for extra-curricular interests just before Christmas. But WGN-TV had a sponsor ready to sign on the line and said, in effect, "Either this date (December 21) or none at all." It was thereupon agreed.

"The fireworks have started," a station official advised the sponsors by telephone a week before the scheduled Friday night broadcast. Specifically, he referred to an impending visit from a representative of the Roman Catholic chancery office. But he was confident that the station would not let this cause it to renege its previous assurances that the film would show. He even marshalled arguments why WGN-TV felt it had an obligation to the total audience to proceed with the schedule. It was clear, however, that the pressure was on.

The tip-off came on December 18 that the station was weakening. That afternoon the rumor spread throughout Chicago and the nation. Telegrams of encouragement descended upon the station.



Some fifty prominent ministers, meeting that afternoon for another purpose in Chicago, unanimously authorized a telegram saying, "This film is recognized as an accurate portrayal of one historical source of American freedom and democracy. We are sure many thousands will interpret succumbing to such pressure as endangering this fundamental principle, which, if it became standard practice, would be a tragic defeat for American freedom. We respectfully point out that 1,500 churches representing an adult membership and constituency of 3,000,000 people have given wide publicity to this telecast. Cancellation at this late date will likely be interpreted as a surrender to sectarian censorship, and we fear will undoubtedly bring most serious repercussions. We earnestly urge you, in the interest of freedom for your own medium and to avoid a serious explosion of public opinion, to proceed with the showing as announced. Please interpret this message as our effort to point out how this situation will appear to a vast majority of freedom-loving Americans."

Protestants Alerted

That same night the decision was made to cancel. A group met in Chicago for breakfast the next morning to consider the seriousness of the situation. A vigilance committee, representing the broadest possible sweep of Protestantism in Chicago got down to "brass tacks."

They had one primary objective: to reach the top level of responsibility at the station in order to delay the public announcement long enough to have all viewpoints of public opinion heard by the station. A telephone interview appointment was arranged between a top spokesman for Protestants, and a top echelon executive of the *Tribune* organization. A delegation from the group stood by, prepared to plead the case. But the call never came.

The rebuff was followed by the release to the wire services of the cancellation statement from WGN-TV. The group met again and drafted a protest. A press conference was called immediately. The committee requested the authorities responsible for the station to "declare their independence of any sectarian censorship and return to their original decision to televise the film *Martin Luther.*" And it called on people "of every faith in Chicagoland to view the film and see with their own eyes how groundless are the fears of those who seek to suppress it."

These seven points provided the basis for the protest:

(1) De facto censorship of this character violates the principles of civil and religious liberty as defined in the first amendment to the United States' Constitution.

(2) The *Martin Luther* picture has been received and acclaimed by the cinema public throughout the United States, including Chicago, and many foreign countries as a picture of high artistic and dramatic excellence and of historic authenticity.

(3) The picture was reviewed and received by the station directors and by the commercial sponsor as such a film and it was accepted as a dramatic, historic film of high excellence.

(4) It presents the story and struggle of a character and a period of history precious to the religious traditions of a large segment of Chicagoland people.

(5) It presents a movement in history vital to the principles of liberty and freedom inherent in our democracy.

(6) While the picture has important religious content, it is not sectarian, and is far less controversial than many other television programs which have been telecast by WGN without protest from us, although their content and point of view was favorable to the Roman Catholic Church.

(7) Announcement of the showing has been widely received and the picture has been expected by thousands of people throughout the area.

Washington Contacted

That night a telegram on behalf of the committee went to the Federal Communications Commission in Washington advising them of the action taken. A copy of the protest followed by air mail.

The special "Action Committee" continued in session the following day. It said, "We will do all in our power to erase this stigma from our American way of life. We feel we have a mandate from the freedom-loving people of Chicago to continue to press WGN-TV for reversal of its decision so that this great picture may yet be shown and people of Chicago will have an opportunity to view it."

Outside Chicago this was happening:

Two federal bodies, the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Federal Communications Commission, were asked (December 20) to investigate the banning of the film. The requests were sent by telegram to the federal agencies by Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

"The film, 'Martin Luther,'" Archer said, "deserves the same rights on the air as Bishop Fulton Sheen."

In his telegram to Francis E. Walter, Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Archer, referring to the cancellation of the broadcast, said:

"Such suppression is subversive of American freedom and should be investigated by your committee as fearlessly as you now investigate subversion by Communist organizations. We believe that religious tolerance in our country is based on freedom of speech and that any move to destroy freedom of speech in matters of religion is an un-American activity which you have a moral and legal obligation to investigate and expose."

Archer, "in behalf of millions of American Protestants and other believers in religious liberty," asked the Federal Communications Commission to "hold public hearings on this incident to determine who was responsible for this suppression and how similar incidents can be prevented in the future." He declared: "An effort to censor a film so historic, so dignified and so educational as 'Martin Luther' promotes intolerance, stirrs up religious animosities and threatens the freedom of the air."

In a separate statement Archer ridiculed the claim of Monsignor E. M. Burke, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago, that the suppression of the TV program had not been directly ordered by the Roman Catholic Church. "The Legion of Decency," he pointed out, "is an official organ of the church, and it has been condemning the film, 'Martin Luther,' for several years. Monsignor Burke himself has indicated his hostility by calling the film 'down-right insulting' to some Catholics. The suppression of such a film is down-right insulting to millions of Protestants whose forefathers fought to establish religious liberty in this country."

"We hope that some Chicago station will break through this clerical blockade and show the 'Martin Luther' film. If it does, I am sure that Protestants will be prepared to reward it commercially and otherwise with their patronage. We are sick of clerical interference with freedom of the air."

The NAE Protests

The Executive Board of the Midwest Region of the National Association of Evangelicals, Midwest unit of the National organization representing forty Protestant denominations otherwise unrepresented by an interchurch organization, and totalling a service constituency of ten million persons

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Evangelicals throughout nation to join in prayer for revival

PRAYER TO BE CROWNING GLORY AT BUFFALO

ARMIN C. GESSWEIN
Chairman, NAE Commission on the Spiritual Life

THE CROWNING glory of the coming convention of the National Association of Evangelicals in Buffalo, N. Y., will be the great PRAYER DAY when Evangelist Billy Graham will speak and the whole evening, through midnight, will be given to prayer.

It has been thrilling to witness the timely prayer-pattern as it is shaping up for April 3. Let us lay it out for you in the order of its development.

I.

The NAE Commission on the Spiritual Life is seeking to stir prayer effort in leaders everywhere, for spiritual awakening.

We are urging upon *editors* and *writers* to dig into the mighty *Revival of 1857-58,* and come out with fresh challenging writings on it in their publications. (For example, see Dr. Wilbur Smith's article "The Fulton Street Prayer Meeting and the Great Revival" in the January issue of *Moody Monthly* for thoughts, helps, data, materials on it. Also, read Dr. J. Edwin Orr's *The Second Evangelical Awakening in Britain* (Chapter 1) for this Revival. It was his Oxford thesis for the doctorate, and is very valuable.

I believe, further, that *publishers* should alert themselves to this material, and reprint chapters from old volumes, on it. Some publisher ought to re-print Dr. Orr's entire first chapter. Thousands of such smaller booklets should be circulated this year. The more, the better. Pastors should study this revival, and use its message—in many ways so fascinating in its parallel to our times. The more we can coordinate efforts like these, and all become a large team across our nation, the faster God will work. Besides such smaller booklets, we should also have one larger re-print of one of the old volumes on that Revival. In fact, we are now working toward this.

The big reason we should all prayerfully study and use the story of the Revival of 1857-1858 is that, according to historians, it was the *greatest single event of the century;* and, even more particularly, because it holds so much of what we are most in need of just now: *a return to New Testament prayer-meeting Christianity.* Our generation has not yet caught the genius of prayer as in the New Testament. When we do, we shall have New Testament revival.

We trust, also, that our Christian *colleges and seminaries* will make use of the history of this great Revival, and that this mighty material will be worked into courses on Revival and Evangelism in various ways.

With it all, the challenge of the century seems to be *Billy Graham's New York Crusade,* beginning May 15 in Madison Square Garden. It seems so very providential that Billy should be in New York in 1957—just 100 years after the great 1857 Revival, which began there, and then swept like fire across our land, ushering in 500,000 to 1,000,000 souls into the Kingdom of God in less than two years, creating noon-day prayer meetings everywhere as its birth-place and base of operation. People were converted to Christ at the rate of 50,000 a week during the peak period of this work of God. That, remember, was when we were hardly 30,000,000 strong in our nation.

II.

As we advance into 1957, let us all time our church praying, preaching, and publicity to certain dates, which can be stepping-stones in the 1957 Revival-advance:

(1) *March 8* . . . . World Day of Prayer (see page 14).

(2) *May 15* . . . . . Billy Graham's New York Crusade begins, Madison Square Garden. Perhaps many will want to gather in prayer the night before.

(3) *September 23* . . . . . On this day in 1857 the famous Fulton Street, New York, Noon-day Prayer Meeting began. We should make plans to have special rallies and services, with prayer and praise, at this time. Area gatherings, church gatherings, etc.

(4) Throughout the year we should hold many more *"Revival Conferences"* and *"Revival Conventions"* throughout our land: area networks for God. One of the reasons the Revival begun in 1857 spread so strongly in 1858 was that Revival Conventions were held, as a result of which hundreds of pastors preached and worked simultan-

Wilt Thou not revive us again, that Thy people may rejoice in Thee? (Psalm 85:6).

eously for revival in their churches at the outset of the New Year, 1858.

III.

Now, regarding April 3 — the main burden of this writing, What a day this can be, under God! This is the plan which we believe the Lord has formed:

(A) On that day, at the annual NAE Convention *in Buffalo,* Billy Graham is to speak in the afternoon. It is my assignment to follow with a message that evening (for which we ask prayer everywhere). Then, after perhaps a little intermission, we want together to go into a great united prayer-meeting that night, praying principally for the New York Crusade, that God may make it the Crusade of the century not only for New York but also for our entire nation and the world.

(B) At the same time, that night, we are *asking pastors and churches by the hundreds, and even thousands, to turn their entire Wednesday night prayer-meetings into special meetings of prayer for this same burden which we shall carry in Buffalo.* Let schools missions, and every kind of group meet for the same thing, at this same time.

What a night that can be! Just think, while we are having such a prayer-meeting night in Buffalo, thousands of churches and groups everywhere can be seeking God at the same time. This can be one of God's great nights in history! Let every reader pray, prepare and participate in this challenge of our century!

May we hear from heaven,
Throughout Nineteen Fifty Seven!

Broadcasting Freedom

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nationwide, with five hundred churches in the Chicagoland area, unanimously passed a "resolution of condemnation" of WGN-TV in the banning of the film "Martin Luther" by that station, and in denying to the National Association of Evangelicals, and its constituency, representation in negotiations in the matter.

Representation was sought by both the national office in Wheaton, through its Executive Director, Dr. George L. Ford and the regional office in Chicago through its regional Director, Rev. Charles J. Anderson on behalf of their constituency, and in addition The Baptist General Conference of America, the Conservative Baptist Association of America, and the Evangelical Ministers Fellowship of Chicago, an organization of 150 clergymen in the Chicago area. Their request for representation was denied in letters from David O. Taylor, assistant to Ward L. Quaal, vice-president and general manager of the station.

The Midwest Regional NAE Executive Board then requested Regional Director Anderson to ask on their behalf by telegrams to the Congress, an investigation of the banning of the film, by the House Un-American Affairs Committee, as an abridgment of Freedom of Speech.

Then the management of the station granted an audience a Protestant delegation. It being only five days until Christmas, the group agreed not to discuss the issue further until another conference could be held sometime in January to explore the possibility of rescheduling the film. Protestant churches in Chicago were informed of this and advised that this matter "requires the prayerful consideration of all. Whatever is done should be motivated by an irenic and Christian spirit."

The producers of the film wondered: *Does WGN-TV consider that it continues to have a valid license for showing the film? Is it interested in discussing another date?* Finally by telephone they received an affirmative reply to both questions and agreed to meet right after Christmas, on December 27, to discuss it.

They could only interpret the position of the station management, as reflected in that conference, as having mellowed. Quaal and his assistants seemed seriously concerned by the reaction to the cancellation and said they "wanted to show" *Martin Luther.* They were looking for comparable films portraying the lives of historical figures of other faiths, presumably to neutralize the "emotional reaction." But station officials would not discuss any specific date for showing the film because they said they had an agreement to explore this matter further with a "volunteer group" of Chicago Protestant churchmen early in January.

Meanwhile the reaction to the cancellation continued to echo both in Chicago and throughout the country. Newspapers reported a WGN-TV spokesman as saying that the ban stirred the greatest letter and telegram response in the station's history.

The report in *Time* magazine said, "Even WGN's avowed reason for cancelling the film raised doubts as to its wisdom in knuckling under to what is called 'an emotional reaction'."

In a lead editorial the *Chicago Daily News* reviewed the position of Martin Luther in history, saying, "Since Luther was a real person, the story of his life can be read in innumerable books—although naturally of varying interpretation. That being so, we can think of no good reason why it should not be shown as a movie. Obviously, it would not please everybody, and assuredly those who might be displeased have a perfect right to voice their displeasure. Many others would like to see it. This little flurry, some 400 years after the great dispute touched off by Luther, would seem to be most easily resolved by voting a citation to the TV station for excessive timidity."

Finally, the awaited conference between the station management and the action committee was held on January 8. A more amazing session could not be dreamed of.

The management was immediately

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Welcome to Buffalo

Greater Buffalo is privileged indeed to be host to the forthcoming 15th Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals. All of the evangelical forces of this great metropolitan area join with me in the heartfelt cry of Paul, "come over and help us." The truth and testimony of active, aggressive historic evangelism is needed in this city. There has been a drought in the land. May God grant, by His Spirit, that the droppings of genuine and godly revival may break out as you, our beloved friends, come to share and serve at this Convention in the name of Christ. We assure you that you will find a prepared city, a prepared people, and prepared pastors who are most desirous that on this historic occasion all may find inspiration of heart and rest of body in the beautiful and luxurious landscape of the Niagara Frontier dotted with the work and wonders of God.

EDWIN MURRAY CRAWFORD

Local chairman for NAE's Fifteenth Annual Convention at Hotel Statler, Buffalo, April 2-4.

on the defensive and it became clear to the church representatives that the station had completely missed the point. The station felt the group was challeging its regular religious programming. After a clarification of that had been attempted, Mr. Quaal — who stated he was of Lutheran background himself—claimed that he had been personally abused and affronted by segments of the public since the announcement of the cancellation. As a result he said he was convinced that in Chicago there was a "deep well of religious bitterness and hate"; therefore, the station had already decided not to show *Martin Luther*

A United Protestant Front

NAE's Regional Director announced that his organization had accepted membership in the Protestant Action Committee on behalf of its constituency and the Baptist General Conference of America, and the Conservative Baptist Association of America.

The invitation to join the Committee was extended to the NAE organization by Dr. John W. Harms, chairman of the Committee and Executive Vice-president of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago in a letter and personal conference with the NAE regional Executive Director. The Midwest NAE Office assigned Dr. Alan Redpath, pastor of Moody Church, Chicago; Rev. Arley L. Bragg, pastor of the First Evangelical Free Church of Chicago, and President of the Midwest Regional NAE Board, and Rev. Charles J. Anderson, Regional Director as PAC representatives.

The ranks of all Protestant groups in Chicago closed in for the forthcoming battle.

The group clarified its purpose by saying it intended "to establish the principle that all television stations shall interpret their federal licenses to broadcast in the public interest, convenience, and necessity; to require them to conform to the first amendment to the U. S. Constitution, providing freedom of expression in religion as well as in politics."

"To achieve this purpose we urge that WGN-TV reschedule the film 'Martin Luther.' We cannot accept de facto censorship," it said.

Other steps taken by the committee included the following:

Pending a full review of the situation, the committee decided on the basis of advice of counsel to authorize a formal protest with the Federal Communications' Commission against WGN-TV for the banning of the film. The protest would be based on the violation of the station's public interest responsibility by its act of permitting de facto censorship.

Legal Counsel Retained

The committee voted to retain Frank Ketcham of Washington, D.C. as its counsel before the Federal Communications' Commission and to consult its panel of Chicago lawyers concerning additional counsel.

It authorized the setting up of an organization whose membership would consist of all Chicagoans who approve its purpose "to maintain civil and religious liberties in the communications area."

It authorized an immediate communication to 1600 Chicago churches giving a detailed report on the controversy over the film.

The Protest Widens

It asked the Church Federation of Greater Chicago and all other interchurch agencies to use all their facilities to arouse the church people to the serious threat to freedom in the censorship and cancellation of the film.

To explore the filing of protests through other channels of public opinion and to inform appropriate Congressional committees.

As a reason for its statements the Protestant Action Committee declared, "We have been rebuffed at every step by WGN-TV in our efforts to help this station maintain its freedom of broadcasting in Chicago. The station cancelled 'Martin Luther' as a consequence of pressure. We consider that the position of the station is unreasonable, lacking in courage, and in violation of its public obligations. We shall continue to protest WGN-TV's action until it re-establishes its freedom by rescheduling 'Martin Luther'."

Social Security Ruling

A "commissioned" missionary must be accorded "all the privileges and powers of a regularly accredited minister of his church denomination" in order to participate in Social Security as a self-employed individual, according to a recent ruling by the Internal Revenue Service. By this action the Internal Revenue Service indicates that the term "commissioned" must for all practical purposes be equal to the term "ordained" which is also used in the Social Security law.

There has been considerable doubt as to the meaning of the term "commissioned" which was used in the 1954 amendments to the Social Security laws. Much of the legal fog has been due to the fact that there are wide variations in the practice of commissioning of missionaries as carried out by various denominational and interdenominational groups.

To date the rulings of the Revenue Service have brought out the following points:

(1) That a commissioned missionary must be accorded all the powers of an accredited minister in the church which he serves.

(2) That commissioning by an interdenominational mission agency will be recognized only if it is substantiated that the agency has the authority to confer on the missionary candidate all the privileges and powers of the accredited ministers in the church which the agency serves and to which the candidate belongs.

(3) That it is not sufficient to designate an individual as a "commissioned missionary." Such an individual must be designated as a "commissioned minister of a church" in order to gain recognition by the Internal Revenue Service.

(4) That a duly commissioned minister who is a missionary, when he is so recognized for Social Security purposes, will be considered to be in the exercise of his ministry as long as he is performing services of a ministerial nature or is following an assignment by his church.

These problems arise in connection with Social Security largely because it is necessary for the Internal Revenue Service to draw clearcut lines between clergy and laity, yet in attempting to conform to such distinctions some church leaders feel that they are being pressed to make the same distinctions which are made by other groups.

The final date for clergymen to enlist in Social Security is April 15, 1957. Only those who entered upon their ministry since January 1, 1955 will be given more time to decide.

Visit to Red China Opposed

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Secretary of Public Affairs of the NAE, has asked the Department of State to hold to its present policy of invalidating American passports for travel to Communist China. This action followed the announcement by a commission of the National Council of Churches of a resolution to send a delegation of American churchmen to Red China.

Dr. Taylor stated in his letter to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that the evangelical constituency in

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the U.S. supported "over two thousand Christian missionaries in China prior to 1949 when missionary activity on the Chinese mainland became impossible."

Taylor also stated that these missionaries had left behind a "vigorous body of evangelical Christians" who had refused to "collaborate with Communism." At the same time he pointed out that the "liberal segment of Chinese Protestantism submitted itself to the Communist ideology" and thus had gained the status of the "government-approved" church.

Any visit of Protestant churchmen to Communist China would be in conjunction with the program of this "government-approved" church, and therefore it would enhance the position of that wing of Protestantism in China. Conversely it would be a source of real discouragement to the major segment of Chinese Protestantism, the vital evangelical Christian believers.

Taylor listed the reasons for opposing such a visit as follows:

"It would be a source of great discouragement to the leadership of the vital evangelical segment of the Chinese Church. It would undoubtedly produce a very unrealistic picture of the situation of the Church in China. (It is certainly impossible to get a true picture in a few days of the pressures and persecutions which have been spread over several years. This is especially true in light of the fact that the evangelical church in Communist China has grown in spite of persecution.) It undoubtedly would be used as a means to bring further pressures on the U.S. Department of State toward the recognition of Communist China. Finally, and this is most important, such a visit would imply U.S. approval of the collaborationist tactics of the leaders of the "government-approved" church in China.

"These facts lead us to the conclusion that the suggested visit of American churchmen to Communist China would be against the best interests of the evangelical believers in China and also against the best interests of our nation."

Don't miss the 1957 NAE Convention, Buffalo, New York, April 2-4. Hear Billy Graham!

Expanding the Military

The Defense Department has issued regulations expanding the age limits for enlistment in the six months reserve training. Young men between 17 and 25 will now be allowed to choose such training. Formerly it was open only to those between 17 and 18½.

Action of this nature had been expected in Washington for several months, because of the fact that there had been a very low rate of volunteers for the six months training program. Many men have been taking their chances of missing the draft, because of the fact that the short-term training program carries with it a 7½ year reserve obligation.

Draftees will now be required to serve in the ready reserve for only two years, instead of three. But in addition they will have to serve two years, rather than one, in the stand-by reserve.

Another provision of the new regulations is that the National Guardsmen will be required to serve six months in active duty. Formerly active duty by the Guardsmen had been on a voluntary basis. There has been a great deal of opposition by the National Guard Association to this particular regulation issued by the Pentagon.

None of these new regulations will affect ministers and ministerial students, who are given permanent deferments. The regulations will, however, affect the choices made by other students in considering military obligations.

When Is Discrimination?

Evangelical mission leaders concerned with religious discrimination in such countries as Colombia, Spain and India have been hoping that the State Department would take vigorous action on the basis of a Senate resolution which was passed during the last session of Congress. This resolution declared U.S. disapproval of any discrimination against American citizens because of their religious affiliation.

The enacted resolution was sent with specific instructions to American diplomatic posts in the Arab countries, where there had been discrimination against certain American Jews, particularly in Saudi Arabia. It was not, however, sent to our diplomatic posts in other countries, in spite of the fact that the resolution was worded broadly enough to cover the discriminatory actions against Protestant missionaries in certain problem areas.

In a recent letter to the NAE Washington office the State Department deemed it "inadvisable to raise the question in those areas where it is the expressed policy and practice of the Government concerned not to discriminate against Americans in their pursuit of lawful trade and travel."

Observers in Washington questioned whether countries such as Colombia could be rightly included in the nondiscriminating category when American missionaries are ordered out of the Catholic mission territories simply because they are Protestants, and when new missionaries are not allowed to enter the country even as replacements. India enforces similar restrictions against any new American missionaries.

Roman Catholic "Reds"

▪ ROMAN CATHOLICS can be good Communists if Communist governments will play politics with the Church. We have long suspected this, but now we have proof.

In January, Poland's predominantly Roman Catholic voters, in the first election under Wladyslaw Gomulka, overwhelmingly endorsed the Red government's policies. The new First Secretary of the United Workers (Communist) Party had warned that "to cross out Communist candidates from the ballots would be to "cross Poland off the map of European States." So the Roman Catholics voted Communist.

It is interesting to note that the Roman Catholic hierarchy, which has been "playing footsie" with the new government, came out boldly for the Communist program. Bishop Ignacy Swirski, spoke on the Polish radio network declaring, "It is the duty of every Roman Catholic to vote for the National Front. Those who fail in this duty cannot be at peace with their conscience. We must give a vote of confidence to Gomulka." Bishop Czelaw Kaczmarek of Kielce declared in a radio interview, "I am in favor of Gomulka's program." He added that this program had brought about the recent Church-State agreement "which benefits both signatories." Warsaw Radio quoted foreign journalists as saying that "the positive attitude" of the Roman Catholic Church toward Gomulka and the hierarchy's declaration urging the faithful to vote right contributed greatly to the Communist victory.

The good Jesuit doctrine, "The end justifies the means," again worked in Poland. We shall now take with two grains of salt the pronouncements of the Pope and his American "princes of the church" concerning the dangers of Communism in this country. Evidently, if the Communist Party could offer the hierarchy a better deal for the Church than they are getting under our democratic way of life, they would take it. Their interest in the United States of America is for what the Church can get out of us.

If anyone doubts this, let him remember Poland in January, 1957 and—*read history!*

Sequel in Sweden

▪ AFTER FORTY YEARS of strictly controlled liquor sales, Sweden junked its ration book system in 1955. The reason: someone sold the Swedish people the idea that a freer drink policy would cut down consumption and the attendant drinking problems.

"Reasoning" ran this way: Everybody has a ration book and so feels duty bound to use it. Take away the controls and fewer people will feel the compulsion to buy. Drunkenness (even then a problem) will go down. Folks won't drink "all they can get," they'll be more moderate.

Liquor propogandists in the USA raise this same argument whenever control of their product is suggested.

Within a year, drunkenness is up 125 per cent on a national basis, more than 200 per cent in Stockholm and other large cities. Official government figures, released this month, show reported cases of delirium tremens increased ten times over the last year of rationed liquor. Absenteeism among workers has become a serious problem. Alcoholism among women is up 80 per cent.

Reported *New York Times*-man Felix Belair from Stockholm: "The official figures showed that the new freedom caused most Swedes to drink more. The average increase for the nation was two quarts a person over the last year of controlled sales . . . Arrests for drunkenness in the streets and in homes totaled well over 100,000 in the first unrationed year . . . compared with just over 22,000 in the last year of ration books."

Action Editorial

James DeForest Murch

This knocks a hole in the favorite liquor argument against any and all controls here in the United States. In spite of the propaganda, you can't control alcohol problems by opening a saloon on every corner.

Prayer Everywhere!

▪ ARMIN GESSWEIN announces in this issue (p. 5) the great prayer meeting which will be held during the coming Buffalo convention of the National Association of Evangelicals.

During this year our new Commission on the Spiritual Life has been building prayer and spiritual awakening into the whole fabric of the Association. A number of Revival-Prayer conferences have been held under its auspices, particularly on the Pacific coast. There have come splendid reports of ministerial prayer fellowships and whole churches awakened to prayer and revival.

One of the finest projects of the Commission has been its mobilization of evangelicals for prayer for the coming Billy Graham Crusade in New York City. Literally hundreds of thousands are in prayer daily that God may pour out His Spirit in abundance there beginning in May and that the crusade may spread until it becomes nationwide in its scope.

At Buffalo Billy Graham will address the NAE convention on Wednesday. His message will be followed that night by a great prayer meeting. All across America evangelicals are being asked to join with their brethren at Buffalo in beseeching God for revival.

No project the NAE has undertaken is more significant than this. Read the article on page 5 and become one of thousands who will set up prayer meetings in homes and churches everywhere.

God seems to be moving toward fresh revival interest in America. We pray that we may yet see a deep, new surge of it not only in New York but at the local church level. Never was it more greatly needed.

Radio-Television Gains

▪ TREMENDOUS GAINS in evangelical radio-television cooperation and united action were made in Washington, January 30 and 31, when the National Broadcasters met in the Fourteenth Annual Convention.

Top leaders in the industry, government and the religious broadcasting field participated in the program. Practically every major responsible evangelical Protestant broadcasting agency in the nation was represented.

As we view the accomplishments of this history-making gathering we believe that the proclamation of the Christian gospel by radio and television will be greatly advanced, fellowship and mutual understanding among evangelical broadcasters will be deepened, our American freedoms of speech and religion will be preserved, united action will be promoted in fields of common concern and effective measures will be taken to discover better techniques for more effective religious broadcasting.

Let us thank God and take courage!

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United Action

Would Investigate Banning Of "Martin Luther" Film

CHICAGO.—The Midwest Region of the National Association of Evangelicals has requested the House Un-American Affairs Committee to investigate an abridgment of freedom of speech by WGN-TV, Chicago. This action was a result of the banning by the station of the scheduled TV premiere showing of "Martin Luther" due to pressure by a minority religious group.

In a wire to the committee, Midwest Regional Director, Rev. Charles J. Anderson, stated: "The Midwest Region of the National Association of Evangelicals by action of its Executive Board . . . requests an immediate investigation by the House Un-American Affairs Committee of the banning of the film "Martin Luther" by WGN-TV, Chicago, as an abridgement of freedom of speech and de facto censorship of a public media of information by a single sectarian organization; and, in addition, the denial by WGN-TV of adequate proper Protestant representation in the final negotiations with the station in this matter."

In addition, the Executive Board of the Midwest Region of the NAE, midwest unit of the national organization which represents over forty Protestant denominations, and representing over five hundred churches in the Greater Chicago area, unanimously passed a "resolution of condemnation" of WGN-TV in the banning of the film and in denying the NAE and its constituency representation in negotiations in the matter.

Representation sought was denied by WGN to the National Association of Evangelicals although this organization was authorized to represent in addition to its regular membership the following vitally interested groups: The Baptist General Conference of America; the Conservative Baptist Association of America; and the Evangelical Ministers Fellowship of Chicago, an organization of 150 clergymen in the Chicago area.

Mr. Anderson was also authorized to bring the matter in person to the attention of the annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters in Washington, D. C.

New Officers for Pomona Valley NAE Fellowship

POMONA, Calif.—Rev. Alvin C. Burkholder, pastor of the College Brethren in Christ Church, Upland, was chosen at a recent election to head the Pomona Valley NAE Fellowship of ministers.

Dr. George Vouga, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Ontario, will serve as vice chairman and Rev. Wm. Robertson, pastor of First Assembly of God Church, Pomona, secretary-treasurer.

World-Wide

"Red" Hungarian Regime Demands Church Loyalty

VIENNA.—(RNS)—Official assurance of "full freedom to the churches" was given by the new Hungarian Communist government of Premier Janos Kadar in a statement broadcast by the Budapest Radio.

At the same time, the government warned that it will not tolerate churches putting themselves "at the disposal of reaction" (Anti-Communism). It specifically cautioned churches against penalizing clergymen who display a "progressive" (Communist) attitude toward the regime.

The statement set forth government foreign, economic and social policies following the "change of events on Nov. 4," the date when Soviet forces moved on Budapest to crush the October revolution. Declaring that "dictatorship of the proletariat" had been established, it apparently ruled out the possibility of a coalition regime.

In a section dealing with religion, the statement said "the government respects the freedom of belief of all citizens and considers religion a private matter."

"The government," it said, "guarantees full freedom to the churches. It recognizes agreements concluded between State and Church. Religious classes are guaranteed in the schools on a voluntary basis."

Meanwhile, the statement stressed, "the government expects loyalty from the heads of the churches. It does not tolerate that any of the churches place itself at the disposal of reaction. All matters of dispute are to be settled by way of negotiations."

Amplifying its warning against "reactionary" influences, the statement said the government expects clergymen "to cooperate with its efforts to strengthen and consolidate the State."

"The government," the statement added, "also expects recognition of the clergymen. It is determined not to permit any church dignitaries to misuse their position for political or counter-revolutionary aims."

Religious leaders here, commenting on the statement, said "it gives no indication that the basically hostile attitude of the Communist regime toward the Church has changed."

Charges Chinese Church An Ally of Red Regime

SYDNEY, Australia —(RNS)— A leading Australian Methodist clergyman charged here that the Christian Church in Communist China "or what is left of it," is now "so fully a party to the plans and politics of the government that it is actually an ally of that government."

"It is playing its role," declared Dr. Malcolm Mackay, minister of the Scottish church in Sydney, "in subverting men and women from the true gospel of Jesus Christ. Its prophetic function is ended and Jesus Christ is not its King."

He called for an end to contacts between Western churchmen and the State-subordinated Churches of either Communist China or Russia, branding such contacts as "sentimental nonsense" and "high treason in an ideological war."

Dr. Mackay, former general secretary of the Australian Council of the World Council of Churches, preached a sermon in which he took sharp exception to statements by Dr. Howard W. K. Mowll, Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of the Church of England in Australia. The latter returned recently from a seven weeks' visit to China to report that the Church there is not only functioning freely but is a "growing force."

The Methodist churchman described the Church in China as "unprotesting in a land of propaganda" and "having no relevance in history."

"One of the things which has greatly distressed me in the past year," he said, "has been the way in which the leaders of some of our most powerful churches and from the World Council of Churches have tried to establish friendly and mutual relations with the churches in Russia and China."

The Methodist clergyman recalled that Dr. Eivind Berggrav, retired

Bishop of Oslo and former Primate of the State Lutheran Church of Norway, recently had called for a halt to the growing contacts between western churches and the Russian Orthodox Church.

"Bishop Berggrav stated that in the Soviet Union there is a Church which subordinates itself to a godless State and its propaganda, and that by joining in its worship services we are on the verge of committing treason to Christian faith and justice," Dr. Mackay said.

"It is time we put an end to this blind and wilful folly which has made deep inroads into our churches and to have an end to this sentimental nonsense which sees all the right with the other side and all the wrong on our own. That is not Christian charity. That is high treason in an ideological war."

Austrian Protestants Ask for Equal Rights

VIENNA — (RNS) — A Protestant rally was held here to press for revision of two old laws which deny non-Catholics in this country certain rights.

One of these laws, the Edict of Toleration, was passed by Emperor Joseph II some 175 years ago. The other is known as the Protestant "patent" of 1861.

For the last 26 years, Austrian Protestants have been seeking a new law to invalidate these statutes and ensure equal rights for Protestants in every sphere of public life.

They are especially anxious that spiritual care be given to Protestants doing military service and that Protestant churches be put on the same basis as welfare organizations in obtaining taxation concessions.

Radio - TV

Mennonites Open Office For Foreign Radio Work

HARRISONBURG, Va.—Opening of a European office for the production of Russian and Italian radio programs was approved by the board of Mennonite Broadcasts, Inc. at a meeting here.

The board also voted to begin a Hindu language broadcast as soon as funds are available for such an undertaking. It decided to collaborate with a French broadcast, "Parole de Vie" (Word of Life) aired over the powerful Radio Luxembourg and two other stations covering much of Europe. Also approved was a proposed children's broadcast.

Mennonite Broadcasts, Inc. currently sponsors the Mennonite Hour produced here; Luz y Verdad (Spanish) produced in Puerto Rico; Navaho Bible Hour, produced in Arizona; and Menenaito Awa (Japanese) produced in Japan.

The board reported that more than 100 stations are now using its programs. The Mennonite Hour leads with over 70 stations carrying the program throughout the United States, Canada and elsewhere.

The first station to carry the Mennonite Hour was WSVA here which inaugurated the program less than six years ago.

Youth

Million Teenagers Attend YFC Rallies

CHICAGO—More than one million teenagers attended Youth for Christ rallies in 1956, it was reported here.

Dr. Theodore W. Engstrom of Wheaton, Ill., executive director of Youth for Christ International, Inc., said 280 chartered rallies during 1956 in the United States and Canada attracted from 100 to 10,000 youngsters at a time.

He made the report before 200 regional directors of YFC at their second annual mid-winter convention.

Dr. Robert A. Cook, president, led the youth leaders in a prayer for the speedy recovery of Olympics star Rafer Johnson, who was unable to attend the convention because of a knee injury incurred at Melbourne.

Johnson, 20-year-old student at the University of California in Los Angeles, who holds the world's decathlon record, was converted at a YFC Bible Club banquet at Kingsbury (Calif.) junior high school.

After the prayer, Dr. Cook telegraphed Johnson:

"We are hoping and praying that the knee will be so knitted as to set the stage for your winning the 1960 decathlon in the Olympics."

Dr. Cook told the delegates that American high school campuses constitute "one of the ripest mission fields in the world."

Inter-church

Moscow Postpones Meet With the World Council

GENEVA, Switzerland—A meeting in Paris between representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church and the World Council of Churches, scheduled for the end of January, was postponed at the request of the Moscow Patriarchate, it was announced at World Council headquarters here.

The ecclesiastical leaders were to discuss the possible membership of the Red Communist church in the WCC.

The announcement quoted Patriarch Alexei as saying that the Russian Church representatives need more time to prepare for the meeting. It added that there would be a further exchange of correspondence to determine a new date.

Last August, the World Council's Central Committee named its chairman, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry of New York, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, and Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, the council's general secretary, to meet with leaders of the Russian Church.

The two church officials were appointed after Dr. Fry presented a report on behalf of the council's executive committee which convened earlier at Vienna.

Dr. Fry told the Central Committee that Metropolitan Nikolai of Krutitsky and Kolomna, the Russian Church's foreign secretary, favored holding preliminary meetings between small delegations from the World Council and the Moscow Patriarchate.

FINAL

LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● THE JESUITS have made application to the Federal Communications Commission for TV channels in New Orleans and St. Louis. Protest is being made by POAU against granting licenses on the grounds that applicants are (1) representatives of aliens, (2) in the employ of a foreign government, (3) corporations in which more than one-fifth of the capital stock is owned or voted by aliens and (4) corporations directly or indirectly controlled by other corporations in which more than one fourth of the directors are aliens. The FCC has not made a final determination in the cases.

● RUSSELL T. HITT has been reelected president of the Evangelical Press Association. The recent annual convention of the organization in Cincinnati was the largest in its history. The 1958 convention will probably be held in Washington, D. C.

● EVANGELICAL RADIO-TV broadcasters represented at the fourteenth annual convention of NRB in Washington, January 30 and 31 reach 60,000,000 listeners and viewers each week. The gathering was the largest and most representative group of evangelical broadcasters ever assembled. Full report in *Action* for March 1.

● ANDREW B. LEE, Chiang Kai Shek's pastor, is in America on a speaking tour for the Pocket Testament League. During February he is on the Pacific coast, in March he will be in the Middle West and in May he will be on the East Coast. Dr. Lee will be in New York City for the beginning of the Billy Graham Crusade at Madison Square Garden.

● C. STACEY WOODS, general secretary of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, leaves February 26 for a tour of Central America in the interests of his work.

● SOME SEVENTY evangelical educators were in Washington February 6-8 for a seminar on Federal services. Tours of government offices, lectures by government officials and educational conferences made up a very busy schedule. National leaders urged that educators encourage youth to choose the Federal service as a life work. The meetings were under the auspices of the National Association of Evangelicals.

● USA ARRESTS for the first six months of 1956 were 6% due to crimes directly related to alcoholic beverages, according to the latest FBI Uniform Crime Report.

Metropolitan Nikolai and Dr. Fry met on the occasions of the visit paid to Moscow last March by a nine-man delegation of the (American) National Council of Churches and the reciprocal visit paid to the United States in June by a Russian Orthodox delegation.

New York Bible Society Reports on Year's Work

NEW YORK—(RNS)—The New York Bible Society distributed last year 1,110,149 copies of the Scriptures in 70 different languages within the city of New York and around its harbor.

Dr. David J. Fant, general secretary, told the 147th anniversary meeting here that the 1956 figures brought the total distribution of Scriptures during the society's history to 39,004,287 copies.

He also reported that 1600 Scripture texts had been posted each month during 1956 in all rapid transit stations in the five boroughs and in elevated stations and ferry terminals.

The Scripture texts are changed on the first of every month. Posting of the Scripture texts was begun in 1952, Dr. Fant said, for the benefit of the millions who annually use the rapid transit system.

Another project of the society is the placing of Bibles in staterooms of passenger ships. Dr. Fant said that more than 6,000 Bibles in seven languages had been put in the staterooms of 12 steamship lines since the project was inaugurated in 1953.

The society similarly places Bibles in all New York hotel guest rooms and in hospitals.

Carl L. Cleaver was elected president of the society for 1957, succeeding William H. Moorhead. Mr. Cleaver is associated with Reynolds & Co., a New York Stock Exchange firm. He is an elder of the Marble Collegiate Reformed church here.

NCC Leaders' Visit Used As Communist Propaganda

NEW YORK — A Russian-made documentary film of the visit to the Soviet Union last March of a nine-man National Council of Churches delegation was shown at the agency's headquarters here. It is being exhibited throughout the world to prove that Russia has "religious freedom."

Photographed in black and white, the 60-minute film is narrated in faultless English. It covers the visit from the delegation's landing at the Moscow airport to the accompaniment of music into which strains of the Communist "International" are interwoven, to its departure.

By far the largest portion of the film is devoted to worship services attended by the Americans. This is an apparent attempt by the Russians to show that church life is active in Russia. These sequences bear out the observation that Russian congregations consist almost exclusively of elderly women.

Sight-seeing tours made by the delegation also are extensively covered and there are several prolonged sequences of the meetings between the American and Russian church leaders.

However, while the narrator takes pains to point out names and titles of all persons shown—Russian Orthodox, Lutherans, Baptists, and Armenians; he treats only briefly the subjects they discussed.

He terms the meetings of "momentous significance," but says only that "freedom of the churches was discussed," and that religious literature "was of great mutual interest to the theologians." He dwells at greater length in reporting that the church leaders discussed problems of "world peace."

In this connection, the Russian narrator says that the Americans "expressed great desire" to cooperate with the Russian church leaders in preserving world peace.

Plan now to attend the 15th annual NAE Convention, Buffalo, New York, April 2-4.

Warner Sallman Named For Upper Room Award

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Warner Sallman, Chicago artist internationally known for his paintings of religious subjects, has been named winner of the 1957 Upper Room Award for World Christian Fellowship.

The award was announced by Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of the *Upper Room,* Methodist bi-monthly guide to daily devotions published here. It is expected to be presented to Mr. Sallman in Chicago next September.

Dr. Potts, said that on his travels around the world he has found "Sallman is the one religious artist who is universally loved and known."

More than 60,000,000 copies of Mr. Sallman's painting of the "Head of Christ" have been purchased by people in many countries.

Dr. Potts said Mr. Sallman was selected because of his artistic leadership in "helping bridge the gap between different denominations and bringing them closer in a world Christian fellowship."

The artist is scheduled to write the lead devotional for the September issue of the Upper Room which will feature meditations of church members in various parts of the world.

MISSIONS

Missions Leaders to Speak in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Pittsburgh's North Side Carnegie Hall will again be the scene of the annual Bible and Missionary convention of the Christian and Missionary Alliance church, from March 10-17. Director of the conference will be the energetic pastor of the North Side Christian and Missionary Alliance church, Dr. Kenneth C. Fraser. Last year Dr. Fraser's church gave over $1,000 a week to foreign mission work.

Now in its 63rd year, the well-known convention will feature many outstanding speakers and musicians. Missionary speakers will be Rev. Harvey Bostrom of Ecuador, S. A.; Rev. Harry Taylor of Cambodia; and Rev. Lloyd Van Stone of the Baliem Valley, New Guinea. Bible teachers and evangelists will be Dr. Robert Cook of Chicago; Dr. R. R. Brown of Omaha, Neb.; Rev. L. J. Isch of Johnson City, New York; and Rev. William Foley of Tucson, Ariz. Musicians and singers for the week of services will be Mr. J. Stratton Shufelt of Wheaton, Illinois, and "The Northlanders of Sweden" of Rockford, Illinois.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

"Prayer Breakfast" For Texas Governor

AUSTIN, Tex.—A "Prayer Breakfast," at which evangelist Billy Graham was the main speaker, preceded the inauguration of Gov. Price Daniel here on Jan. 15. Mr. Graham also attended the inaugural ceremonies.

In a statement to the press Mr. Daniel called it "fitting that we open a new chapter in our state government by rededicating ourselves to those spiritual principles upon which Texas and our nation were founded."

The breakfast was under the auspices of International Christian Leadership, which sponsors prayer breakfast and luncheon groups for businessmen, educators and political leaders throughout the world. Mr. Daniel is president of the organization.

Dr. Abraham Vereide of Washington, D. C., its founder and executive director, attended the breakfast here.

Literature Commission Is Declared Constitutional

ATLANTA, Ga.—(RNS)—A three-judge federal court here in effect upheld the constitutionality of a 1953 state law establishing the Georgia Literature Commission.

Speaking for the judicial panel after a three-hour hearing, U. S. Court of Appeals Judge Elbert Tuttle said that the statute as "correctly construed" does not raise a constitutional question.

He said the law creating the commission "merely authorizes" it to "investigate (alleged obscenity in literature) and recommend other action," Judge Tuttle pointed out that the commission has no direct prosecutory powers itself but can only recommend prosecution.

Four out-of-state magazine publishers brought suit against the commission. They asked a permanent injunction against its alleged censorship activities and requested the federal court to declare unconstitutional the law creating the body.

Osgood Williams, counsel for the complaining publishers, contended that Georgia news and magazine distributors are losing "thousands of dollars a month" as a result of dealer fears generated by the commission's activities.

Following Judge Tuttle's statement the three-judge court was dissolved and U. S. Dist. Judge Boyd Sloan—a member of the tribunal—appointed to continue the hearing.

Pilot Inspires Airlines To Put Bibles on Planes

CHICAGO—(RNS)—A Presbyterian deacon has inspired Trans-World Airlines to put Bibles on the planes he pilots for them.

Passenger reaction has been "very favorable," reported Capt. George C. Duvall, a pilot on the Chicago-Los Angeles run.

Capt. Duvall is a deacon of Fourth Presbyterian church here and a member of the board of managers of the Chicago Bible Society.

"It's good to see many servicemen reading the Bible on our flights," the bachelor pilot said.

TWA purchased 200 copies of the King James Version from the American Bible Society and placed them alongside the customary magazines.

Capt. Duvall personally put the Bible in the Super-G Constellation he pilots.

Deplores Distorted View Church-State Separation

MONTREAT, N. C.—(RNS)—Present-day emphasis on separation of Church and State is "mistaken and distorted," and not what the founding fathers of the United States had in mind, a Southern Presbyterian lay leader said here.

Dr. Edward W. Grant said it was not the original idea to keep religion out of government, but to keep a church from dominating government. He is director of state institutions for the state of Louisiana, and former executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, Presbyterian Church in the U. S.

The modern concept of Church-State separation has increasingly drained political morality, Dr. Grant said.

"The church is the only conscience the government has," he said. "When a church is silent, the state can have no conscience."

He spoke at a conference of the Assembly Men's Council of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.

Judge Declares War on Indecent Publications

EAST CHICAGO, Ind.—(RNS)—A juvenile court judge who took office Jan. 1 has declared open warfare on Lake County magazine dealers displaying or selling obscene reading matter.

Judge Joseph Meszar of the Lake County Juvenile Court, who lives here, indicated he plans to charge such dealers with contributing to the delinquency of minors.

The judge said that when he receives a report of obscene literature being sold or displayed for sale he plans to dispatch a probation officer to investigate, and then act on the basis of the investigation.

By charging dealers with contributing to the delinquency of minors, he said, it is possible to escape entanglement in the legalities of defining what is obscene. Definition of the term has caused the enforcement of decent literature laws throughout the country to fail, he observed.

"It is much easier to decide on the issue of contributing to the delinquency of children than it is for a court to decide the question of obscenity," Judge Meszar added. "In this sense, then, enforcement of indecent literature laws can be facilitated."

The new judge disclosed plans to set up a non-political advisory committee to give him its views on questions coming within juvenile court jurisdiction.

Minnesota Commission In War on Alcoholism

ST. PAUL, Minn.—(RNS)—A commission headed by a clergyman has asked the Minnesota legislature to appropriate $89,280 during the next two years to finance the state's increasing war against alcoholism.

The commission, headed by Dr. Forrest L. Richeson, pastor of First Christian church, Minneapolis, estimated there are nearly 90,000 acute and chronic problem drinkers in Minnesota, of whom 10,600 are women.

Some 16,000 of these are considered to be in the acute stages of alcoholism. The others are expected to become progressively worse off unless legislation is enacted to provide facilities for treatment.

A survey by the commission in Minneapolis found that 75 per cent of all commitments to the workhouse are for drunkenness. About 200 "skid row" habitues have been arrested more than 50 times each.

The commission recommended an expansion of medical care, the employment of counselors, the creation of an alcoholism treatment center and the establishment of a "half-way" house to provide lodging, food, recreation and other facilities for alcoholics on the way back. It urged a coordination of this program with that of Alcoholics Anonymous.

During the past fiscal year, the commission reported, more than 1,600 persons were treated for alcoholism at state hospitals while hundreds were treated at county, municipal and private hospitals.

The NAE Convention calls you to Buffalo, New York, April 2-4.

Congress Gets Proposal to Aid American Missionaries

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)—American missionaries abroad would be given the privilege of buying at commissaries and post exchanges maintained by the U. S. Armed Forces under a bill sponsored by Rep. Philip J. Philbin (D.-Mass.).

"Our missionaries are doing a tremendous job in many areas, according to reports brought home by our boys in the armed services," he said, "and I think we ought to do all we can to help them.

"This is a very practical way of giving them assistance since it would permit them to buy many of the ordinary necessities of life that we take for granted here at home but which are so expensive and difficult to obtain in foreign lands."

The Congressman, a member of the House Armed Services Committee to which the bill was referred, said that the Department of Defense has opposed the enactment of such legislation, contending that missionaries are being helped through informal arrangements at PX's in many overseas bases.

"I feel that it is better to do it through specific legislation," Mr. Philbin said, "and I hope that all religious groups maintaining missionaries abroad will make their views known to the committee."

Mass. Legislature Okehs Obscene Literature Bill

BOSTON—(RNS)—A bill to outlaw obscene comic books and other publications for minors was given final approval by the state Senate after having been passed earlier in the House.

The measure was recommended by a citizens' committee created by the legislature to study the relationship of obscene literature and juvenile delinquency.

Sen. Richard H. Lee (R.-Newton) headed the eleven-man committee which included Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergymen.

Under the new law, a penalty of two years imprisonment or a fine not less than $100 nor more than $1,000 may be imposed on anyone who "sells, rents, displays for sale, loans or gives or distributes to a child under 18 or advertises or offers for sale to such a child any pamphlet, magazine, comic book, picture, picture book, ballad or other printed material which contains . . . a fictional description or illustration of sadism, masochism, sexual perversion, bestiality or lust or of physical torture of human beings."

The law specifies that offering such literature for sale or merely displaying it in a store or on a newscounter frequented by children shall be considered "prima facie" evidence.

Calls Hill-Burton Act Discriminatory

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, said here that the Hill-Burton Federal Aid to Hospitals Act has been "discriminatory among religious groups."

He said grants of Federal aid to Roman Catholic hospitals during the ten years that the act has been on the statute books total $112,039,000, while grants to Protestant institutions total only $23,118,000 and to Jewish hospitals only $5,899,000.

Baptist groups have received only $2,000,000 of the Protestant total, he said.

In all, grants under the act have amounted to $781,421,000 he said, of which $367,412,000 went to public hospitals and $414,009,000 to private non-profit hospitals. Two-thirds of the grants to private hospitals were to

institutions without religious affiliation.

"Obviously, Baptists and other Protestant groups have refrained from requesting public funds for denominational hospital work," Dr. Carlson declared in his report.

"The Baptist adult population is not far below the Roman Catholic adult population. Hence, the difference in philosophy shows up in the amount of funds granted."

He emphasized that there is no charge of "discrimination in the administration of the act," but that "principles involved are such as to produce an obvious discrimination."

sunday school

Sunday School Leaders Ask Trained Ministers

CHICAGO.—More adequate preparation of ministers for effective leadership in Christian education work on the local church level, was called for in the recent annual meeting of the National Sunday School Secretaries of all the denominations associated or cooperating with the National Sunday School Association.

It was the combined testimony of the representatives that many pastors realize soon after graduation from college and seminary that their training in Christian education, especially practical phases of it, was entirely inadequate.

The secretaries meet annually to exchange ideas and share problems as well as to formulate a united program thru the channel of the National Sunday School Association.

A year ago the group listed a coordinated Christian education program at the local level as the "Number One" need. They felt some progress had been made here but that this need could never be entirely cared for without the complete understanding and cooperation of the pastors.

Most of the secretaries were encouraged with the progress their respective Sunday Schools had made during the past year. All reported an increase in attendance in Sunday School. Some reported as high as 35% increase in attendance.

The leaders discussed and decided upon themes and promotional ideas for National Family Week and National Sunday School Week through 1960. As well as many details for the National Sunday School Convention next October. National Family Week this year is May 5-12. National Sunday School Week is September 29-October 6. The National Sunday School Convention will be held in twin sessions at Los Angeles and Grand Rapids in October.

Sunday School Decline Reported in England

LONDON. —(E/P)— The *London Times* has surveyed the place of children in the church and concluded that the name "Sunday school" is no longer in favor. It has discovered some attempts to find such substitutes as "children's church," "junior church" and "family church." But no new designation can hide the bare fact that attendance at British Sunday schools is steadily dropping.

In 1900 there were 3,302,000 children enrolled in the 20,000 free church Sunday schools in England and Wales. By 1939 the number had dropped to 1,930,000; by 1948, to 1,519,000. In 1953 the total rose to 1,597,000—a figure still not high enough to keep pace with the increase in child population. Last year again saw a decrease to 1,533,000, with 230,000 teachers.

In the Church of England, the decrease in attendance at Sunday school has been accompanied by a decrease in the number of teachers. In 1929, Anglican Sunday schools reported 162,910 teachers and 1,788,468 pupils; in 1939, 126,102 teachers and 1,420,106 pupils; in 1953, 98,206 teachers and 1,317,596 pupils. The *Times* insists, however, that the Sunday school will always have a distinctive value. "The best Sunday schools are not failing," it declared.

Regional Conventions to Draw 30,000 Delegates

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—More than 30,000 persons are expected to attend six Assemblies of God regional Sunday School conventions during 1957, according to Rev. Bert Webb, executive director of the Sunday School Department.

Convention cities and dates of each

Bible centered worship material and advertising posters for the observance of the World Day of Prayer, March 8, 1957, is available from the National Association of Evangelicals, 108 North Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois. There is no charge for the material, but an offering is encouraged which will be used for the Evangelical Ads program of the NAE.

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The conventions are being held in the interest of promoting greater efficiency in Sunday School work. The Assemblies of God is currently in a five-year Sunday School Advance to 1960 when the denomination expects to reach one million in enrollment. Reports have not been tabulated for 1956, but in 1955 the Assemblies of God had an enrollment of 805,000.

Featured speaker for the six conventions will be Rev. E. S. Williams, superintendent of the Assemblies of God for twenty years, and formerly a member of the teaching staff of Central Bible Institute. Other speakers from Springfield, national headquarters of the Assemblies of God will include Mr. Webb, executive director of the Sunday School Department; Rev. Charles W. Denton, national secretary; and Rev. D. V. Hurst, assistant national secretary.

Besides general sessions, the conventions will feature daily workshops covering all areas of Sunday School administration. The conventions will be open to the general public.

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Holiness Bodies Plan Meet in Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The program for the 89th annual convention of the National Holiness Association, to be held in Minneapolis, April 23-26, will follow closely the general plan of the two immediate past conventions that proved inspirational, edifying and challenging.

Dr. Paul L. Kindschi, executive secretary, has announced that the daily program on each of the four days will be devoted to prayer and devotionals, Bible study, workshop groups, business meetings, and a general rally each night.

In the workshop program seven areas of specialized interest will be studied, each under the direction of a well-known leader in the holiness ranks.

The areas of study will be: missions, Christian education, doctrine, Sunday Schools, evangelism, youth, and visual aids.

Dr. Myron F. Boyd, Winona Lake, Indiana, will preside at the business meetings and deliver the president's address. He is completing his third year in office.

The Pentecost Sermon Contest again will be a feature. Sermons must be submitted by February 22, to the NHA office, 1128 Metropolitan Building, Minneapolis 1, Minnesota. Full details may be secured by writing.

Scores of churches in the Minneapolis area that believe in the Wesleyan doctrine of entire sanctification will cooperate in the 1957 convention. The denominations that will be represented include: Wesleyan Methodist, Free Methodist, Church of the Nazarene, Pilgrim Holiness, Friends, Brethren in Christ, United Missionary, Holiness Christian, Evangelical Methodist, and Methodist.

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Colportage Agency Is Now Moody Literature Mission

CHICAGO.—Moody Bible Institute's literature distribution agency, the Colportage Division, has been renamed the Moody Literature Mission. This change, effective the first of the year, was made to tell people exactly what its ministry is—to reach needy hearts with the message of salvation through literature. It will also avoid confusion arising from the small Moody Colportage Library books which are published by Moody Press and widely distributed by the Moody Literature Mission.

This gospel literature distribution program was begun by D. L. Moody himself in 1894 to provide good Christian literature at little or no cost for the masses. It grew rapidly from a small bookstall in Chicago into the expansive Bible Institute Colportage Division which was merged with the Institute in 1941 and called Moody Press.

Most of the ten million pieces of literature given out annually are distributed by such key people as jail workers, ship evangelists and hospital and military chaplains. Small libraries of Moody Colportage books placed in schools, hospitals and ships also reach many for Christ.

In its overseas literature program last year the Moody Literature Mission helped produce and distribute gospel literature in over 130 countries, territories and islands and in more than 60 languages. This aid was given in grants and through the establish-

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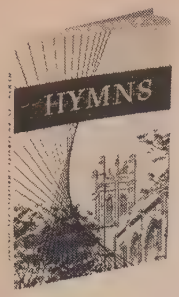

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Denominations

Church of Nazarene Reports Large Gains

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—International headquarters of the Church of the Nazarene here announced substantial gains for the denomination in every area during 1956, making it one of the best years in its history.

A net increase of 8,031 members brought the total to 287,866. Per capita giving climbed to $129.94, a gain of $4.35 over the previous record in 1955.

An average of two new churches were established each week for a net gain of 109 churches and a total of 4,435 at the end of the year.

Dr. S. T. Ludwig, general secretary, issued an annual statistical report showing a total of $37,404,741 in denominational giving for all purposes. It represented an increase of $2,260,063 over 1955.

The denomination will observe its golden jubilee in 1958. It dates its beginnings from Oct. 13, 1908, at Pilot Point, Tex.

Lutheran Bodies Discuss Record Contributions Goal

COLUMBUS, O.—(RNS)—A record goal of $35,550,000 in contributions for 1957 and $120,635,000 for the three-year period 1957 through 1959 was set by representatives of six Lutheran church bodies at a meeting here. The occasion was the fourth annual All-Lutheran Stewardship Conference.

Present at the meeting were stewardship directors of the United Lutheran Church in America, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church, American Lutheran Church, Augustana Lutheran Church and United Evangelical Lutheran Church. The combined membership of the six bodies is 6,847,000.

In 1956, the combined giving by communicants of the six Churches was $28,775,000 and the total raised during the three-year period 1954 through 1956 was $72,020,000.

Dr. George S. Schultz, director of Stewardship and Finance of the American Lutheran Church, was chairman of the conference.

"It is heartening to realize," he said, "that more and more Lutherans each year are becoming more fully aroused to the needs for more generous giving to the work of God's Kingdom on earth—alleviation of suffering millions of God's creatures throughout the world and for the continuation of the work in this nation to bring the message of Jesus Christ to all Americans."

Abrahamson New Head Of Congregational Body

ST. PAUL, Minn.—The annual national meeting of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference was conducted recently in the University Avenue Congregational Church here of which Rev. Fred Weiler is pastor.

Officers, committee members and delegates from many states assembled to receive reports on growth and plan for future developments. The registration at this year's Conference doubled the attendance at last year's sessions. Beside matters of policy making and fellowship, new officers were elected for the group: Rev. Alfred Abrahamson, Oshkosh, Wisc., president; Rev. Harley Laflin, Dunlap, Iowa first vice-president; Rev. Lynn Scovil, Jr., Williamsfield, Ohio second vice-president. Re-elected to their offices were the Executive Secretary, Dr. Henri F. M. Pol of St. Paul, Minn.; Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Stueckle of La Crosse, Washington, and Recording Secretary, Miss Marion Blood of Oshkosh, Wisc., Mr. J. A. Stueckle was also chosen to be editor of *The Beacon*, "Voice of Conservative Congregationalism in the USA."

The Conservative Congregational Christian Conference, commonly called "The 4 C's" is a constituent member of the National Association of Evangelicals. Every member church and individual member must subscribe to its statement of faith which is synonymous to the NAE statement. Every local congregation is allowed its own constitution which emphasizes historic Congregationalism. The congregation's affiliation with the "4 C's" is a voluntary one and allows each local church to be autonomous; it owns its own property and governs its own affairs in accordance to its local constitution.

A proposed constitution for the Conservative Conference was drafted at its annual sessions in order to expedite business matters of the Conference and it will be a major item of concern at the annual meeting to be held next Sept. 12-15 in Williamsfield, Ohio.

Episcopal Church Has New Record Membership

NEW YORK—(RNS)—The Protestant Episcopal Church recorded an all-time high of 3,144,623 members in 1956, an increase of 101,053 over the previous year. The figures were reported in the 1957 Episcopal Church Annual, published here.

The yearbook also reported that the clergy increased by 311 to a total of 7,884 while the number of lay readers grew by 1,042 to 10,587.

Episcopal parishes and missions increased 2.53 per cent to 7,224. The largest parish in the Church remains St. Philip's church (Negro) in New York City with 3,904 communicants.

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Personalia

Denzel Miller has been elected president of the West Virginia Conservative Baptist Association.

D. Elton Trueblood of Earlham College is the first lecturer under the new Thaddeus C. Reade Memorial Lectureship recently established at Taylor University. He spoke recently on the theme, "Liberal Evangelicalism Today."

Kenneth N. Taylor, director of Moody Literature Mission, is on a ten-week world tour to aid in the distribution of Gospel literature.

Ayad Shenouda, Assemblies of God educational leader in Egypt, whose death was reported in *Action* for January 1 was not among the casualties during the invasion of Port Said, according to latest advices from the American Consul.

W. W. Newton, manager of Western Book and Tract Company, won first place for Sunday School window display in a recent contest sponsored by Gospel Light Press. This is the second time he has captured first prize.

Duke K. McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named chairman of the Accrediting Commission of the American Association of Theological Schools.

Billy Graham was guest preacher at the annual Yale Christian Mission, February 11-14. His sermons were delivered in Yale University's Woolsey Hall. On February 17 Dr. Graham addresses the student body at Amherst College.

J. Lester Harnish, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., will broadcast his Sunday evening services over Radio Station KPOL. Dr. Harnish also offers a radio counselling service in his Pastor's Study broadcast over the same station at 11:30 p. m. each Sunday.

J. Byron Crouse has been named president of the Central Evangelistic Association of Wilmore, Ky. This unique organization, now more than forty years old, has in its membership thirty-seven evangelistic workers who reside in the Wilmore area.

Everett S. Graffam, president of Buffalo Bible Institute, recently returned from a thirty-day missionary survey trip in Central and South America. Dr. Graffam shared in the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of Radio Station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador and the annual Inter Missions Conference in Panama.

S. L. White, general manager in Canada for A. G. Spaulding and Sons, is the first layman in history to be president of Canada's Fellowship of Evangelical Baptists.

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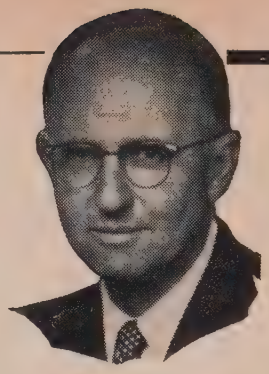

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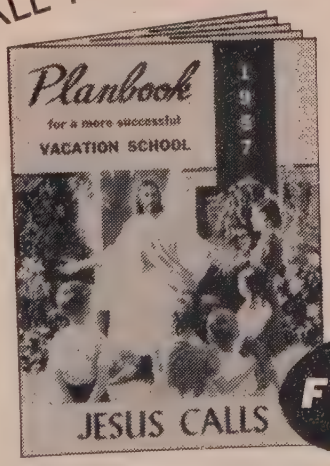

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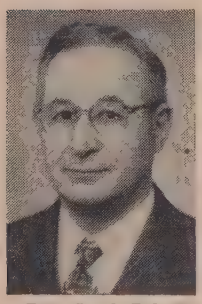

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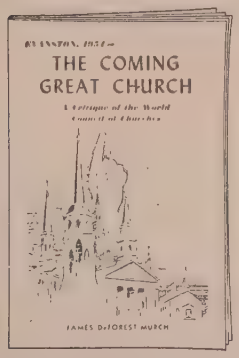

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A New Critique of Theoretical Thought. By Herman Dooyeweerd. Translated by David H. Freeman and William Young. The Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co.

Within the sphere of evangelical Christianity this *New Critique of Theoretical Thought* is the greatest philosophical event of the present century. First published in Dutch in 1935, two volumes of nearly 600 pages each have now appeared in English, and two more are to follow (Presbyterian and Reformed Pub. Co.).

Originally influenced by Neo-kantianism and later by Husserl, Professor Dooyeweerd of the Free University of Amsterdam reached a turning point by the discovery that the root of all thought is religious, and that the alleged self-sufficiency of secular philosophy is unacceptable because it withdraws human thought from the divine revelation in Christ Jesus. This immediately implies a rejection of the philosophy of immanence in favor of an understanding of all temporal reality in terms of a transcendental ground-idea.

Ten years of strenuous scholarship were devoted to the elaboration of this discovery, and the English translation includes considerable revision that is the outcome of fifteen years of further study. Naturally the result is not easy reading. Dooyeweerd himself acknowledges that his terminology will seem strange—though it is not nearly so impossible as that of Martin Heidegger—and can only ask that competent students may have the patience to free themselves from traditional viewpoints and to follow the argument step by step. It will be useless, he warns, to sample isolated subsections.

This warning, humble but strict, virtually forbids the writing of short reviews. Aristotle's *Metaphysics* and Hegel's *Logic* were not adequately reviewed the year they were published. Here too, critical studies must be made and the work of understanding, assimilation, and evaluation will take decades. Yet one must begin somewhere; and since

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the volumes have elaborate tables of contents of about twenty-five pages each, a selection of headings will furnish some first notion of the scope. Even so, the more important chapter headings are usually unintelligible without the detailed argument; for example, *PART TWO-THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BASIC ANTINOMY IN THE COSMONOMIC IDEA OF HUMANISTIC IMMANENCE-PHILOSOPHY:* Chapter One—The Basic Structure of the Humanistic Transcendental Ground-Idea and the Intrinsic Polarity between the Classical Science-Ideal and the Ideal of Personality. But some of the subsections that Dooyeweerd has warned us against may be as useful as anything else for this initial purpose. After all, readers do glance over tables of contents. And among other headings are these:

Vol. I, pages 4—Meaning as the mode of being of all that is created; 7—The transcendence of our selfhood above theoretical thought. The so-called transcendental subject of thought cannot be self-sufficient as a theoretical abstraction; 22—The problem of time; 23—Rickert's conception of the selfhood of thought; 28—The integral character of cosmic time. The correlation of temporal order and duration, and the subject-object relation in the latter; 71—The metaphysical-analogical concept of totality and the transcendental idea of the totality of meaning. Transcendental critique of the metaphysical conception of the *analogia entis;* 114—The basis of cooperation between Christian thought and the different trends of immanence-philosophy; 172—The synthetic standpoint of Thomistic philosophy and the disruption of this synthesis by the nominalism of late scholasticism; 196—There is no relation between Descartes' and Augustine's Archimedean point. The miscon-

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These selected sub-titles show the wisdom of Dooyeweerd's warning against sampling this one or that one in isolation. One inclusive remark, however, may be permitted about them before a tentative evaluation of the whole is attempted.

It must be insisted upon that Dooyeweerd is an accomplished scholar and that his subsections often contain keen argumentation. The details of his theory of time and space, for example, are "streng wissenschaftlich," and his criticisms of the great names of philosophy are exceedingly rewarding. On the other hand, he also slips a cog once in a while. His argument that there is no essential connection between realism and the primacy of the intellect is defective in that it depends on the unwarranted assumption that St. Augustine, another great thinker, could not have been inconsistent at this point. Similarly there are summary judgments in this connection and elsewhere for which evidence is at least missing. This sort of thing, however, is to be expected in every fallible author and does not materially detract from the value of the whole.

Now, to make a great leap from a minor subsection to an evaluation of the whole, at least a preliminary evaluation, this reviewer wishes the students of Dooyeweerd's philosophy to consider whether, in spite of all its brilliance, it is not essentially a system of skepticism. One evening I had the great pleasure of being graciously entertained by Professor Dooyeweerd in his home. His cordiality equals his scholarship. Since I had previously dabbled with Dooyeweerd's thought and watched Dr. Young's struggles in translating his part of these volumes, I wished to ask the Professor one basic question. He had said and had repeated that the human mind can have no absolute truth whatever: this is an incommunicable prerogative of God. On a sheet of paper I wrote, "Man can have no absolute truth;" then pointing to the sentence I asked, Is this an absolute truth? Professor Dooyeweerd did not answer.

My conclusion, which everyone is invited to examine for himself, is that the relation between God and man as Dooyeweerd pictures it renders impossible any knowledge, including the admirable results of Dooyeweerd's own investigations.—*Gordon H. Clark.*

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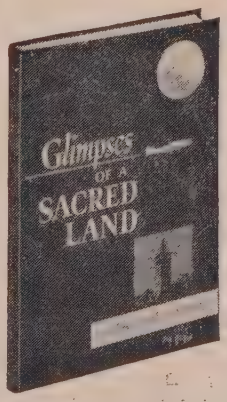

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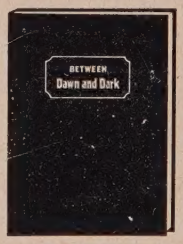

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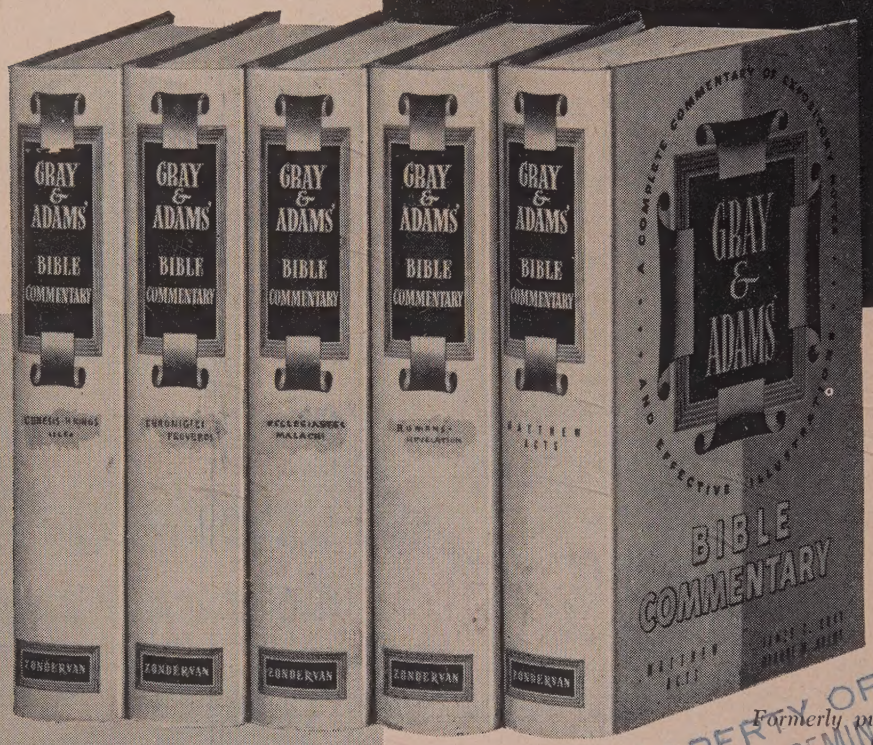

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